

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 1-10 was allowed.

Claim 11 was rejected as being anticipated by the *Harris*, U.S. Patent No. 2,160,434, and the *Strauss*, U.S. Patent No. 4,656,388, on the grounds that any cathode-ray tube glass would be physically strengthened because "strengthened" is a relative term.

After a careful review of each of the cited references, it is apparent that neither of these references addresses the problems of the present invention, and that apparently they are cited for simply the structural disclosure of a neck unit, a panel unit and a funnel unit.

The present invention provides a particular physically strengthened glass in at least part of the funnel unit to improve both vacuum strength and implosion-proof characteristics while reducing the depth of the funnel unit. As noted, for example, on page 6, lines 5-11, of our specification, the physical strengthening of our glass is done by first air cooling the formed glass member, then heating it again to a temperature which is 20-40° lower than the annealing point and then cooling it slowly. These features were found allowable in dependent Claim 4 of the present invention.

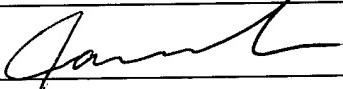
Further referring to our specification on page 13, lines 9-20, the specific temperature of the subsequent heating of the air-cooled glass to 450-470°C to provide a specific physical strength to the glass member has now been defined in Claim 11 amended. With this specific definition of a physically strengthened glass, it can be seen that the cited references do not anticipate nor render obvious the subject matter now set forth in Claim 11 amended.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further

prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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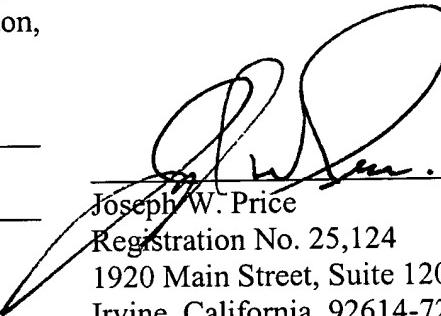


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